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Title: INSITU POST ETCH PROCESS TO
REMOVE REMAINING PHOTORESIST AND
RESIDUAL SIDEWALL PASSIVATION

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This is in response to the office action mailed August 29, 2001. The period of response extends to November 29, 2001. Please consider the following remarks and amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In The Claims:

Please add claims 17-18 as follows:

Sub 1 17. (New) The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the stripping away comprises removing parts of the metal-containing layer that are redeposited to form residual sidewall passivation.

A1 18. (New) The method, as recited in claim 1, wherein the stripping away comprises accelerating oxygen plasma to the substrate to remove parts of the metal-containing layer that are redeposited to form residual sidewall passivation.
